

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 12, 19-27, 55-63, 66, 73-89, 92, and 99-107 are all the claims pending in the application. After a telephone conference with the Examiner on February 14, 2008, claims 10, 11, 13-18, 64, 65, 67-72, 90, 91, and 93-98 have been cancelled, and their limitations have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 55, and 82 respectively. Applicants submit that all the claims in the application are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-9, 12, 19-27, 55-63, 66, 73-89, 92, and 99-107, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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